151. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have considered at any time the necessity of taking upon themselves the management of this school;

(b) if so, what is the decision arrived at;

(c) if the decision is that the management would not be taken over by the Sirkar, will the Government be pleased to inform the reasons that lead to such a decision?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). These questions do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Sanskrit Patasala at Vellarappalli.

152. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

(a) whether there is a Sanskrit Patasala conducted by a private agency at Vellarappalli;

(b) if so, whether the said school is open to all classes of His Highness' subjects without distinction of caste of creed;

(c) how many classes are there in that school at present and what is the strength in each class;

(d) whether the pupils there are taught free; if not, what is the fee levied from each pupil;

(e) is the Government giving the said school any grant;

(f) if so, what is the amount of the grant allowed each year;

(g) how long has the said school been in existence;

(h) how many teachers are there in the said school at present and to what communities do they belong?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Three classes with a strength of 33 in class I, 19 in class II and 16 in class III.

(d) They are taught free.

(e) Yes.

(f) Rs. 360.

(g) Nearly three years.

(h) Four teachers of these two are Kshatriyas, one Nayar and one Velan (വേലൻ).

Agricultural School in the Central Farm.

153. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Adverting to the notification published in the Government Gazette of 13th Edavam 1103, announcing the closing of the Agricultural School attached to the Central Farm for a year, will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the usual number of teachers from Primary Schools deputed by the Education Department;

(b) for how many years had the Education Department deputed such teachers;

(c) what is the total number of teachers deputed up to Edavam 1103;

(d) how many applications were received by the Director of Public Instruction from Primary School teachers seeking deputation for training in the said school during the period for which the school is now closed;

(e) what is the extra cost incurred if any by the Education Department for a teacher deputed for a year;

(f) what is the number of teachers generally employed in conducting the Agricultural School;

(g) how many applications were received by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats from private candidates for admission to the school this year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Twenty each year.

(b) Four.

(c) Seventy-seven, but only 75 have undergone the full course.

(d) Only one.

(e) About Rs. 200.

(f) No teachers are specially employed. The teaching work is attended to by the staff of the Agricultural Department.

(g) One.

Mistakes in the Text-Books.

154. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what steps have been taken by them to rectify the numerous mistakes that were pointed out in the Chintamany Books in the Legislative Council in the last year by some of the Members;

(2) was there any special reason for prescribing the very same books for the current year also in spite of the popular objection?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The publishers have been asked to rectify the mistakes pointed out.

(2) These books were prescribed for another year because the Board of Studies recommended their continuance on the ground that better books were not available.

Lower Secondary School, Mala.

155. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total loss Government had to bear in connection with the Lower Secondary School, Mala?

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